

**NEVADA STATE WELFARE DIVISION  
PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT REGULATIONS**

The Public Hearing to Adopt Regulations was brought to order by Nancy K. Ford, Welfare Administrator, at 10:13 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2004. This meeting was conference-called between the Welfare Division Central Office, 1470 East College Parkway, Room #109, Carson City, Nevada and the Special Children's Clinic, 3811 W. Charleston, Suite 209, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Nancy Ford, Administrator  
Jerry Allen, Chief, Child Care Program  
Leslie Danihel, Chief, Eligibility & Payments  
David Castagnola, Child Support Program Specialist  
Linda Hoxsie, Child Support Program Specialist  
Sharon Vail, Employee Development Manager  
Janice Stenson, Medicaid Program Specialist  
Marta Stagliano, Child Care Program Specialist  
Louise Bush, Staff Specialist  
Lynette Giles, Executive Assistant  
Robin Roach, Administrative Assistant  
Amanda Aseph, Administrative Assistant  
Laurie Buck, Deputy Attorney General

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Elana Hatch, Clark County District Attorney's Office  
Ron Hilke, Program Specialist, DETR, WISS  
Harvey Lee, Program Specialist, DETR, WISS  
Connie Harris, Kid's Turf Academy

Ms. Ford brought the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. She explained this public hearing will be held via video-conference between Carson City and Las Vegas. This public hearing is being held to adopt various state plans and regulations. There are three items on the agenda. Item three on the agenda is being pulled, will not be heard today and no action will be taken. This item will be re-noticed if it will be heard in the future. The meeting has been posted in accordance with the open meeting law. Ms. Ford explained the two regulations being heard at this public hearing.

## **I. CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT MANUAL:**

David Castagnola explained NRS 31A states the State Treasurer shall charge an obligor a \$2 fee for each income withholding for child support payments. The proposed regulation requires the withholding fees, less the State's administrative expenses for banking, postal services and the 66% offset to the federal government, be distributed quarterly to enforcing authorities based on each enforcing authority's percentage of the total monthly withholdings per month. The fees must be used by the enforcing authority to enhance the Child Support Enforcement Program.

Hearing no comments from Las Vegas or Carson City, Ms. Ford adopted this regulation on behalf of the Director of the Department of Human Resources, effective February 4, 2004.

## **II. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES STATE PLAN:**

Leslie Danihel explained the proposed amendment to the TANF State Plan to change the countable income level for assistance to families participating in the Family Preservation Program administered by Mental Health and Developmental Services (MHDS). She stated the change is to Section 14 of the TANF State Plan. The amendment is to increase the countable income limit from 200% to 300% of the federal poverty limit. Ms. Danihel said the reason for this amendment is the previous adjustment was incorrect and MHDS requested the readjustment of the countable income limit.

Hearing no comments from Las Vegas or Carson City, Ms. Ford adopted this amendment to the TANF State Plan on behalf of the Director of the Department of Human Resources, effective February 4, 2004.

## **III. CHILD CARE POLICY MANUAL:**

This item was withdrawn from this public hearing. If it is considered for future action, it will be properly noticed for public comment.

## **IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None received.

Ms. Ford adjourned the meeting at 10:17 a.m. and thanked everyone for their participation and attendance.